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List of Clergy in the Diocese of Illinois, entitled to Seats in Convention, A. D. 1848.

Rt. Rev. PHILANDER CHASE, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, Jubilee College.
Rev. WILLIAM ALLANSON,* Christ Church, Little Fort.
Rev. WILLIAM BARLOW,* Trinity Church, Chicago.
Rev. JAMES BENTLY,* St. Paul's Church, Warsaw.
Rev. D. E. BROWN, Christ Church, Lockport.
Rev. J. S. CHAMBERLAIN,* St. Paul's Church, Peoria.
Rev. DUDLEY CHASE, Jubilee College.
Rev. SAMUEL CHASE, Jubilee College.
Rev. G. P. COMINGS, Missionary.
Rev. J. L. DARROW, Christ Church, Collinsville.
Rev. E. DE WOLF,* Missionary.
Rev. C. DRESSER, St. Paul's, Springfield.
Rev. G. P. GIDDINGE, St. John's, Quincy.
Rev. C. V. KELLEY, Christ Church, Ottawa.
Rev. E. B. KELLOGG,* St. James' Church, Chicago.
Rev. A. LOUDERBACK, Grace Church, Galena.
Rev. S. Y. McMASTERS, St. Paul's, Alton.
Rev. W. MITCHELL,* Chester, Itinerant Missionary.
Rev. R. RADLEY, Kickapoo and vicinity.
Rev. H. SAFFORD, Missionary.
Rev. J. SELLWOOD, Zion Church, Mendon.
Rev. A. J. WARNER,* St. Peter's, Grand De Tour.
Rev. R. J. WALKER, Christ Church, Rushville.
Rev. J. T. WORTHINGTON, Trinity Church, Jacksonville.

NOT ENTITLED TO A SEAT IN CONVENTION.

Rev. JOSEPH MAYHEW, Limestone Prairie.

Total number belonging to the Diocese,	25
" " Entitled to seats in Convention,	24
" " Present in Convention,	16

* Not in attendance on Convention.

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Jacksonville, Monday, June 19, 1848.

The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Illinois, assembled, according to appointment, this 19th of June, 1848.

On Sunday, the day previous, the religious solemnities preparatory to business were celebrated, according to usage, under a resolution recommending the same. In the morning Rev. S. Chase read prayers; Rev. Mr. McMasters preached; the Bishop confirmed and administered the communion.

In the afternoon Rev. H. Safford read prayers; Rev. C. V. Kelley preached.

In the evening Rev. R. J. Walker read prayers, and Rev. Mr. Brown preached.

The Right Reverend Philander Chase, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, presiding; morning prayers were read by Rev. Mr. Dresser, and the Bishop delivered his address.

The Secretary then proceeded to call the names of the clergy from the certified list furnished by the Bishop when the following clergymen responded to their names and took their seats, viz:

Rev. D. E. Brown,	Rev. C. V. Kelley,
" D. Chase,	" A. Louderback,
" S. Chase,	" S. Y. McMasters,
" G. P. Comings,	" R. Radley,
" J. L. Darrow,	" H. Safford,
" C. Dresser,	" J. Sellwood,
" G. P. Giddinge,	" J. T. Worthington.

There appearing a canonical number of the clergy in attendance, Rev. Messrs. Dresser and McMasters, and John H. Kinzie were appointed a committee upon testimonials of lay delegates, who reported

From *St. James'*, *Chicago*—John H. Kinzie, G. W. Dole.*

St. Paul's, *Springfield*—S. H. Treat.

Christ Church, *Robinsnest*—H. I. Chase, P. Chase, Jr.

Christ Church, *Rushville*—James Scripps,* Luke Seely.

St. John's Church, *Quincy*—F. C. Moore.

Christ Church, *Lower Kickapoo*—John Pennington.

Trinity Church, *Jacksonville*—B. Gillette, D. Rockwell, W. G. Heslop.

Christ Church, *Ottawa*—Thomas Basnet,* James Lafferty,*

St. Paul's Church, *Peru*—Arch. Elliott,* R. Mansly.*

St. Stephen's, *Pittsfield*—W. A. Grimshaw, B. H. Atkinson.

There appearing a canonical quorum of lay delegates present, on motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary; whereupon Rev. S. Chase was, on nomination, unanimously appointed.

Rev. C. V. Kelley and F. C. Moore were appointed a committee upon the admission of new parishes into union with this Convention.

The committee appointed last Convention to inquire where pure wine for the administration of the communion could be procured, reported in part.

The Committee was, on motion, continued, and requested to communicate the result of their information to the Bishop.

The committee upon the admission of new parishes, reported:

That they find the papers in reference to St. Paul's Church, Peoria, and Christ Church, Waverly, correct; they further report, that the papers referred to them from Grace Church, Sterling, are, in their opinion, defective, and beg leave to report them back to the Convention for any subsequent action.

Whereupon, the report was received, and the following resolution adopted:

That St. Paul's Church, Peoria, and Christ Church, Waverly, be admitted into union with this Convention.

The committee upon the testimonials of lay-delegates, further reported,

From *Christ Church*, *Waverly*—Stephen G. M. Allis, Owen Maynard.

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* Not in attendance on Convention.

On motion, Rev. J. T. Worthington, B. Gillette, and S. H. Treat, were appointed a committee to audit the Treasurer's account.

On motion, the papers in relation to Grace Church, Sterling, together with some additional documents intended to supply the alleged defect, were referred back to the committee on the admission of new parishes.

The parochial reports were then read, and directed by the Bishop to be inserted in the Journal.

The standing committee made the following report, viz:

Since the last Convention, they have signed the canonical testimonials recommending to the Bishop Rev. A. J. Warner and J. T. Worthington for Priest's orders. They have also recommended Henry Safford for Deacon's orders, and A. Robinson as a candidate for orders.

Signed, C. Dresser, Pres't.

The committee upon the admission of pew parishes, further reported, in the case of Grace Church, Sterling, that considering themselves bound by the canons of the church, they do not deem the certificates in the case of Grace Church, Sterlimg, as sufficient; and beg leave to be discharged from further action; whereupon, the report was received, and the committee discharged.

A bill for expenses incurred in taking depositions in the case of an ecclesiastical trial was presented, and, on motion, referred to the committee on the Treasurer's account.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p.m.

Monday, 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment; present as in the morning.

On motion, Rev. C. Dresser and S. Chase were appointed a committee to inquire whether it be expedient to have prepared a certificate to be given to those who shall be confirmed.

The following resolution was offered, viz:

That a committee consisting of two clergyman and three laymen be appointed, to take into consideration, so much of the Bishop's Address as refers to the election of an Assistant Bishop.

A motion was made to lay the resolution on the table, which was lost; whereupon the resolution was passed.

On suggestion of the Bishop, it was ordered that the said committee be elected by ballot; whereupon were elected,

OF THE CLERGY.	OF THE LAITY.
Rev. J. T. Worthington,	J. H. Kinzie,
" S. Y. McMasters.	W. A. Grimshaw,
	B. Gillette.

The committee upon the Treasurer's account reported as follows, viz:

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's account report, that they have examined the same and find it to be correct; and that there is due the Treasurer a balance of $32 61, which should be paid out of the first moneys received by him. The following named parishes have not paid the assessment for 1847, to-wit:

Grace Church, Galena,*	$10	St. John's Church, Albion,*	$3
St. Paul's Church, Alton,	5	Grace Church, Beardstown,*	3
Christ Church, Tremont,	3	St. John's Church, Lockport	3
Calvary Church, Farmington	3	St. Mark's Church, Chester,	2
Christ Church, Joliet,	5	Christ Church, Collinsville,	2
Trinity Church, Chicago,*	10	Christ Church, Ottawa,	3

It will not be necessary to make any assessment on the parishes for this and the subsequent years, inasmuch as canon 15 makes ample provision on the subject of parochial contributions, to defray the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

S. H. Treat,
J. T. Worthington.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of a standing committee; whereupon were elected,

OF THE CLERGY.	OF THE LAITY.
Rev. S. Chase,	S: H. Treat,
Rev. C. Dresser.	A. Campbell.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of providing a certificate of confirmation made the following report, viz:

Your committee recommend that the subject be referred to the Bishop with the request that, if he think it expedient, he will prepare such certificate and cause the same to be printed.

Signed, S. Chase,
C. Dresser.

* Since paid.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of delegates to the next ensuing General Convention; whereupon were elected,

OF THE CLERGY.	OF THE LAITY.
Rev. S. Chase,	J. H. Kinzie,
" C. Dresser,	S. H. Treat,
" C. V. Kelley,	B. Gillette,
" S. Y. McMasters.	W. A. Grimshaw.

On motion, it was resolved that the next annual convention of this Diocese be held in St. James', Chicago.

An invitation was received from the Principal of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of this place, for the convention to visit the Institution; whereupon it was

Resolved, That this convention accept the invitation, and will visit the Institution to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, A. M.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment; the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

On motion,

Resolved, That this convention having visited the Asylum of the Deaf and Dumb, according to invitation, desire to express their gratification at the interesting exercises exhibited, and record their fullest sense of the utility of the Institution, and heartily recommend the same to the public.

The committee upon the Bishop's address in relation to an Assistant Bishop made the following report, viz:

The special committee appointed by this Convention to take into consideration so much of the Bishop's address as refers to an election of an Assistant Bishop, beg leave to report the following resolutions and ask the concurrence of the Convention and the adoption of the same:

That it is with profound regret this Convention finds that the election of an Assistant Bishop has not been approved by the last General Convention of the Church; but as Churchmen we feel ourselves constrained to submit to the decision of that Convention, as the whole matter rested in their discre-

tion to sign, or withhold the testimonials requisite for the consecration of said Assistant Bishop.

That, in the opinion of this Convention, the necessity for an Assistant Bishop in this Diocese still exists; but that no encouraging prospect now presents itself of providing adequately for the support of an Assistant Bishop to aid our venerable Diocesan; and that they are, therefore, reluctantly compelled to decline the further consideration of the subject at this time.

S. Y. McMasters, John T. Worthington,
Wm. A. Grimshaw, John Kinzie,
B. Gillett.

On motion, the report was received and the resolutions adopted.

On the demand of several members the vote was taken by ayes and noes, as follows:

Clerical votes cast, 14. For the affirmative, 11. For the negative, 3. Lay votes by congregations cast 9. For the affirmative, 8. For the negative, 1.

Clergy voting in the affirmative—

Rev. Mr. Brown,	Rev. Mr. McMasters,
" " D. Chase,	" " Radley,
" " S. Chase,	" " Safford,
" " Comings,	" " Worthington,
" " Dresser,	" " Walker,
	" " Kelley.

Clergy voting in negative—

Rev. Messrs. Darrow, Louderback, Sellwood.

Congregations voting in the affirmative—

St. James' Church, Chicago—John. H. Kinzie.

Zion Chapel, Brimfield,
Christ Church, Robin's Nest, } H. I. Chase.
Kickapoo Chapel,

Christ Church, Rushville—Luke Seely.

Trinity Church, Jacksonville, } B. Gillette, D. Rockwell, W. G. Heslop.

St. Stephens' Church, Pittsfield, } W. A. Grimshaw, B. A. Atkinson.

Christ Church, Lower Kickapoo—John Pennington.

Congregations voting in the negative—

St. John's Church, Quincy—F. C. Moore.

The committee upon the Treasurer's account further reported that they had had under consideration the bill for expenses incurred in an ecclesiastical trial, and recommend that the sum of $20 be appropriated to pay the same.

The hour appointed for divine service having arrived, the convention adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock, P. M.

In the recess of convention, Rev. Messrs. Comings and Worthington were admitted to the holy order of the priesthood.—Rev. D. Chase read prayers, Rev. Mr. Dresser preached, and Rev. Messrs. S. Chase and Kelley presented the candidates.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment; the minutes were read and approved.

On motion, it was ordered, that the Secretary be requested to prepare and append to the Journal a blank form of parochial reports.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to apply to the next Legislature for an act of incorporation to enable trustees appointed by the Convention to hold funds and property for certain Diocesan purposes, viz: support of the Episcopate, relief of clergymen's widows and orphans, disabled and infirm clergymen:

Whereupon Rev. Messrs. Dresser, Kellogg and McMasters and Messrs. W. A. Grimshaw and N. W. Edwards were appointed said committee.

On motion,

Resolved, That Christ Church, Lower Kickapoo have leave to change its style to that of Christ Church, Limestone Prairie.

On motion, it was ordered, that the Secretary cause to be printed 400 copies of the Journal and 300 extra copies of the Bishop's address, and send two copies to each member of the Convention, and one copy for every ten communicants in each parish, and the usual copies to the Bishops, secretaries of the conventions, and periodicals of the Church.

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered and "considered:"

That article V. of the Constitution be so altered as to

read "the preparatory exercises to the opening of the Convention, consisting of the celebration of divine service and the administration of the holy communion shall take place the day before the meeting of the Convention for business, and the preacher shall be appointed by the Bishop, unless the Bishop shall himself preach or deliver a charge."

On motion,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the inhabitants of Jacksonville, for their kind hospitality to its members.

The following resolutions were offered and passed:

Resolved, That while we acknowledge the merciful kindness of God in continuing to us our venerable Diocesan, also the church institutions in their primitive and apostolic purity, we would also acknowledge the necessity of greater holiness of life, more deadness to the world, and a greater degree of spirituality both among our clergy and laity.

Resolved, That while we acknowledge, with grateful hearts, the blessings which have been bestowed upon our Diocese, in increasing our Parishes, in multiplying the number for confirmation among them, and consequently increasing the number of worshippers in our congregations, yet, we would also recognize the necessity of more earnestness in our endeavors to convince sinners, and to bring them as humble suppliants at the feet of Jesus; and that we will know nothing among our people but Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Resolved, That with unfeigned gratitude we would render our humble thanks to Almighty God for the harmony and good feeling which has pervaded our consultations, in our collective capacities on this occasion—and although on minor points we may have entertained differences of opinion, yet, in the great fundamental principles of our church, we hope and trust our hearts and feelings have been one, and that we have been restrained and influenced by the last parting injunction of our Lord Jesus Christ to his apostles, when he said—"Love one another as I have loved you."

After some appropriate collects, benediction was pronounced by the Bishop, and the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

PHILANDER CHASE,
Bishop of P. E. Church in Illinois.

SAMUEL CHASE, Sec'y of Convention.

APPENDIX A.

BISHOP CHASE'S ADDRESS

TO THE CONVENTION OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESE OF ILLINOIS, IN JACKSONVILLE, JUNE 19, 1848.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

Your Bishop greets you well in the Lord, and devoutly prays for blessings on you.

Soon after the Alton Convention of last year, the First Commencement of Jubilee College was attended and degrees were conferred by the President, of A. B. on five students, and A. M. on one; preceded by the divine service, the whole scene was most interesting to all who desire the moral and spiritual welfare of our far western country. The Rev. J. S. Chamberlain and the Rev. Henry Safford were ordained deacons.

Soon after, your Bishop commenced his journey to attend the General Convention, in New York. He preached and confirmed five persons in Chicago.

On the first day of October, 1847, the Senior Bishop consecrated the Rev. George Burgess, D. D., to the Episcopate of Maine, in Christ Church, Hartford, Connecticut—many Bishops being present and assisting. Bishop Henshaw, of Rhode Island, preached the sermon.

His return home from the General Convention, and its series of providential events, are made known to the public through another channel, and need not here be repeated.

Your Bishop spent the winter mostly at Jubilee College, occasionally, in good weather, visiting neighboring destitute places, and the chapels and churches recently erected, generally preaching himself, though not without pain, except in an easy sitting posture. Age has called for frequent repose, but all his waking moments have been devoted to the good of Zion.

His journeys this year for Episcopal visitations have been as far north as Lockport, and as far south as Chester, in Ran-

dolph county. He has consecrated two churches and laid the foundation of a third. Within a week from this he hopes to consecrate two churches more, and one soon after returning to Jubilee. Three or four more are either finished or in progress, to be consecrated in the autumn—making the whole number this season eight or nine. Surely the hand of the Lord is in all this, and we ought to declare the wonders that He doeth to the children of men.

Considering the want of information, so general in this western country, on the subject of the apostolic rite of confirmation, there is reason for encouragement that so many have been made willing to come. It shows that public attention is awakened to the importance of this primitive practice, and that better things may be expected.

Besides the two candidates already ordained Deacons, five more have passed their second examination in the presence of the Bishop, and one Deacon—the Rev. Mr. Warner—has been ordained Priest. A pastoral letter and an Episcopal address have been issued from the press of Jubilee College. The Rev. Wm. Barlow has been received into this Diocese from that of New York. He officiates in Trinity Church, Chicago.

Your Bishop has been solicited to make his sentiments known in regard to the recently organized body, called the "Society for the promotion of evangelical knowledge in the Episcopal Church." He has no hesitation in stating, that the name being in accordance with the gospel, and the founders thereof being good men, he has no reasonable objection to the said society. If names were indicative of their *opposites*, as in the case of the "*Jesuits*" and some other societies, there would be cause for caution; but so long as such men as Bishop Meade, of Virginia, and Bishop Elliott, of Georgia, are in favor of the measure, he has no dread of ill consequences.—They, and such as they, will keep from the Board of Directors *ultras* of every sort, and thus preserve the current of public christian information pure from corruption and calumny.

Brethren: You see that your Bishop has thus far avoided saying any thing relative to the event so ardently anticipated by him, of having an Assistant Bishop to meet with in this

Convention, to give report of his extensive travels and arduous labor in building up the waste places of our Zion in Illinois.

It is difficult to speak of a subject of this nature, so intimately woven with the progress of the Church, with the dignity and honor of this Convention, and with the reputation of a deeply injured man—the Rev. J. B. Britton, whose public character and private virtues had obtained an unanimous suffrage and most solemn commendation for consecration, without implying censure on those who caused the disappointment which, I trust, we now with very few exceptions feel.

It is not the object of these remarks to draw this Convention into the position of a Court of Trial—for judicial proceedings belong to another branch of our ecclesiastical government. But it is quite another thing for the Convention of this Diocese, or any other, to assert their own innocence and integrity in matters of such vital importance as those referred to.

Did this Convention act canonically and freely, and in the fear of God, rightly, in the election of the Rev. J. B. Britton to be the Assistant Bishop of Illinois?—This is the question to be answered and spread on our records, that the truth may be known and God's blessing implored on our future proceedings.

For one, your Bishop feels deeply the afflictive hand of God in his having permitted what has come to pass; but with Job he raises his hand in prayer and his voice in solemn asseveration, in maintaining his own integrity, and the same is obviously the duty of this Convention.

No provision having been made for the support of the Epispate of Illinois, the present Bishop looks with anxiety for some exertion on the part of the Diocese for the attainment of this important end; for it is not likely a *second* Bishop will accept an election to the Episcopate of Illinois *expressedly* not to expect any support from the same. When adequate provision shall have been made, your Bishop stands ready according to the canon to call a special Convention for the choice of an Assistant Bishop.

Philander Chase, *Bishop.*

APPENDIX B.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

LITTLE FORT—CHRIST CHURCH.—Rev. Wm. Allanson.

Since my last annual report, in addition to preaching at Little Fort, I have officiated at Libertyville, Mr. Rand's settlement, and two other places each about four miles distant from Little Fort. In all these places I have been favored with large and attentive congregations. To meet the wants of these congregations, I need a quantity of Prayer Books, a large number of Sunday School books, and no less than three houses for the performance of divine service. School houses and private dwellings are illy adapted to the performance of divine worship; these, however, with one exception, a Methodist meeting house, are our only places of accommodation. Under these unfavorable circumstances, however, the spiritual state of the church has not been stationary, for seven communicants have been added during the past year, making the present number 28, the baptisms have been nine, five infants and four adults; the marriages 5, and funerals 5.

CHICAGO—TRINITY.—Rev. Wm. Barlow.

The present Rector took charge of Trinity Church at the beginning of last winter. The time was rendered memorable by the healing of divisions, and the return of peace. Gentlemen who had been placed in a false position in regard to each other now "love as brethren;" and it appears to be the wish of all to follow the things which make for peace. The present aspect of the congregation gives promise of future stability. A Sunday School has been organized under the superintendence of Dr. B. H. Bartlett, and a Bible Class under the instruction of the Rector. An association of ladies will apply the proceeds of their weekly industry to the payment for an organ which has been recently purchased. On the whole we have great reason to thank God and take courage. Of the families attached to the congregation there are at present about 60; the number of communicants is 61; baptisms—infants 2, adults 1; marriages, 2; funerals, 3.

LOCKPORT—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH—Rev. D. E. Brown.

From the former records of the churches at Joliet and Lockport, it was impossible to state accurately what was the number of communicants, or of families belonging to these congregations. Owing to the sickness of past seasons, the depression of business, and from other causes, many families have left for other places; but since many had removed before my arrival, and no entries having been made on the records to show it, they (the records) afforded but little guide to judge of the numbers in the two parishes. I have therefore thought best to report what I have found remaining without regard to the records—indeed, for Lockport there have been no separate records, the entries being all made as if belonging to Christ's Church, Joliet, without distinction for that of St. John's Church, Lockport.

Both of these parishes have also suffered much by being so long destitute of the services of the sanctuary. The congregations which had been collected were scattered, and it will require time and much exertion to regain as good a state of things as was formerly enjoyed.

The want of a house or convenient place in which to hold service in Joliet, has proved a heavy draw-back upon the congregation in that village, and, together with other discouraging circumstances, has nearly lost to the church that station. There are however a few persons left—enough we hope to save the village from total abandonment; and should the State improvements again revive business, it is hoped there may yet be a good congregation collected there, and the *Bread of Life* broken to many disciples.

St. John's Church, Lockport, is in a much better state. They have a comforta-

ble house for public worship, small, it is true, but neat and well arranged, and what is far better, a good congregation and an encouraging state of things.

For some time, while the season permitted, I held a third service every alternate Sabbath in the village of Plainfield, distant ten miles from Joliet. The attendance on those occasions was large, and the congregations were much interested. I have found several communicants in that vicinity, and a good society might be raised there and much encouragement given to the church.

The statistics of these parishes are as follows: Baptisms in St. John's, adults, 1, infants 3; confirmations, 3; funerals, 4; marriages, 2. Christ Church, baptisms, infants, 2; funerals, 5. In all, baptisms, 6; confirmations, 3; funerals, 9; marriages, 2. Communicants in Joliet, 7; in Lockport 24; in both parishes, 31.

WARSAW—ST. PAUL'S.—Rev. J. Bentley.

Owing to a protracted and dangerous illness in the early part of the present conventional year, and the subsequent feebleness of my general health, as well as having been under the necessity of laboring in a secular calling during a considerable portion of the time, my labors for the promotion of the kingdom of Christ in this portion of His vineyard have been very limited. By divine assistance, however, I have read service and preached 63 times; baptized 1 infant; solemnized 4 marriages; and officiated at 2 funerals. The number of communicants is 5, lost by removal 3; present number in the county, 20. Sunday School—67 scholars, 7 teachers. A new Sunday School library consisting of 100 volumes has been purchased.

During the past year I have preached at Montebello six times, and at Carthage twice. The attendance at our services has been very satisfactory; and considering the recent organization of this parish, and unreasonable prejudices which have hitherto existed against the Church—the Book of Common Prayer having been till lately as a sealed book to many of those who attend our services—the church may be considered, in a spiritual point of view, in a very prosperous condition.—We are however without a church edifice, and are compelled to assemble for divine worship in a mere shed! neither are the prospects for bettering our condition in this respect at all encouraging. May the Holy Spirit put it into the hearts of those to whom he has given the ability, to come forward and help us to build a sanctuary to the living God in this *most destitute yet most interesting and promising portion of Christ's vineyard.* But above all we pray, that a large measure of the influences of the Holy Spirit may be vouchsafed to us in this our hour of trial, without which, vain indeed would be the help of man.

PEORIA—ST. PAUL'S—Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine.

Under the general canon I have to report to you of my last seven months' ministry here, as follows: Baptisms, 14 infants and 1 adult; burials, 3; communicants added by removal, 7; otherwise, 7; do. lost by removal, 2; by death, 1; total number remaining, 28. Candidates for confirmation, 3.

DUDLEY CHASE, Itinerant Missionary, reports to the Bishop that he has baptized 13 infants; married one couple; confirmations, 7; communicants, Brimfield, 22; do. Knoxville, 14; do. Farmington, 14.

ROBINSNEST—CHRIST CHURCH—Rev. S. Chase.

Baptisms, infants, 3; confirmations 5; number of communicants reported last convention, 95; added by removal, 3; new, 5; lost by removal, 4; present number, 99.

Services have been regularly celebrated in the chapel of Jubilee College on Sundays, and the principal festivals and fasts of the church.

Daily morning and evening prayers have been held in the chapel.

On Sunday mornings the students have been instructed in the gospel and epistles for the day, and in the collect and catechism in the evening.

ALBION—ST. PAUL'S—Rev. G. P. Comings.

This church has been open once every Sunday, and part of the time twice, since I entered upon its charge, about the first of July last. During that time, I have baptized 3 infants, and attended 14 funerals. The communicants are now, as nearly as I can ascertain, about 20. The Sunday School connected with the church contains 71 scholars and 10 teachers.—The attendance on the services of the church has been very good, and on the whole increasing.

COLLINSVILLE—CHRIST—Rev. J. L. Darrow.

Reports that he has been laboring at his station during the past year, having only been absent on one Sabbath, when he officiated in St. Louis, and once when he preached in Carlinville—and on one Sunday he was prevented from holding any service on account of the inclemency of the weather. He has baptized 5 infants and 1 adult; celebrated 2 marriages, and attended 2 funerals. At the recent visit of the Bishop 5 persons were confirmed—3 others having previously received that rite in St. Louis, at the hands of Bishop Hawks—making 8 in all, who have been confirmed during the year. On ascension day Bishop Chase consecrated the church at Edwardsville, by the name of St. Andrews', after which, I was relieved from the parochial charge of that parish. At this latter place there are now 6 communicants. Whole number of communicants at the other posts of the station, 27. Sunday School scholars, 25; teachers, 4.

SPRINGFIELD—ST. PAUL'S—Rev. C. Dresser.

The statistics of this parish for the past year are as follows: Communicants added, new, 2; by removal, 1—total, 3. Communicants lost, by removal, 4; by the formation of a new parish, 2—total, 6; present number, 37; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 11—total, 13; marriages, 1; burials, 0; there a few candidates for confirmation. These figures indicate that the growth of the parish is still slow in numbers, and it is feared also, in the spirituality of its members. There are, however, some hopeful indications—our church is at length ready for consecration, and with the exception of a little work, still to be done on the tower, is completed. During the last six months, a few ladies have, by their indomitable energy and perseverance, raised about $440 towards the purchase of an organ, which is expected to be in its place in time for the consecration. The material temple being completed, it is hoped more thought will be given to the building up of that which is composed of living stones, and designed for a habitation of God through the spirit.

Rev. ERASTUS DE WOLF—Missionary.

Your missionary, as especially requested, has labored in the counties of Lee, Kane and Kendall. This is a great extent of country; yet in two of these counties, Kane and Kendall, there have been no services of our Catholic and Apostolic Church, except what have been rendered by your missionary for nearly two years. Most of my services have been given to Kane county. I have generally preached three Sabbaths, in this county, of each month,—one Sabbath in Lee county of each month. I have divided my time in the several villages as the pressing necessities of each seemed to demand. I have preached the greater part of my time in the following towns, namely: Aurora, Batavia, Geneva and St. Charles. Besides these towns I have preached and lectured in school houses in almost every direction in this vicinity; and on week day evenings, besides preaching three times on the Sabbath. Our services have been generally very well attended and frequently very fully. A parish has been organized at Aurora. This is an important point for us to occupy. The town is large with a rich farming country densely inhabited. Here we have some ten or twelve communicants with many who are very friendly to our Church. I have preached and performed divine service but twice in Kendall county and only once in Oswego, the county seat, a beautiful town. The next day in accordance with a notice given I met the friends of the Church in Oswego and vicinity, and a parish was organized in due form, called Christ Church. This parish will unite with Aurora in settling and maintaining a minister of our church. They will soon be able to support one if they can get a good, faithful, and devoted servant of Christ and his church—they are very anxious to get a clergyman. I have re-orgnized St. Paul's, of Batavia and Blackberry; here an able and faithful minister of Jesus Christ might be very useful—this parish is also greatly desiring a clergyman. Geneva and St. Charles ought not longer to be left destitute. Geneva is a pretty town, and the county seat; St. Charles is a large town, and growing very fast—here are 7 or 8 communicants. They are only two miles distant from each other, and both places, when they have timely notice, give us good congregations. There ought to be a clergyman between these two towns—they must be supplied in some way—who will go? I have preached one-fourth of my time to Christ church, Palestine Grove. This church is small, but our attendance is good, considering that the inhabitants are so divided by sectarian parties. The labors of your missionary have been so much divided that he can hardly perceive

any fruits of his efforts. But he trusts that the good seed will take root; all of his congregations are very attentive and not unfrequently appear quite serious.

That the Lord will send more laborers into this destitute country is the earnest prayer of your humble servant. My travels this year, being from 60 to 70 miles from my place of residence, have been very great; not less on an average than 300 miles per month. I have been greatly exposed to cold and heat, and to all the inclemency of a changeable climate; yet the Lord has mercifully kept me, giving health and strength to perform a very great amount of service. Baptisms, 2; marriages, 2; burials, 3.

QUINCY—ST. JOHN'S—Rev. Geo. P. Giddinge.

Baptized 1 adult and 10 children—total 11; burials 2; married 1 couple. Communicants—reported 101, deceased 1, withdrawn 2, removed 12, added 4; present number 90. This number will be increased, probably, to something over a hundred whenever the Bishop may find it convenient to visit and confirm in the parish, as he has been respectfully requested to do.

The Rector has been absent from his parish more than eight months of the past year. The want of a larger house for public worship appeared so great, and the inability of the parish to erect one, unaided, was so manifest, that he felt it a duty to make application for assistance to some of the more favored parishes in the eastern states. Accordingly he spent several months subsequent to the General Convention in visiting some of the principal parishes in eastern New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island for that purpose. Such was his success that the parish have felt encouraged to proceed with the building, and are now taking preparatory measures for that purpose. When the funds promised from abroad are all received, the Rector and parish will take pleasure in reporting the precise amount received, and tendering to the generous contributors their most grateful acknowledgements for the same.

During the absence of the Rector, the public services of the church were kept up as usual in such cases by lay-reading; except when blessed with an occasional visit from some neighboring clergyman. The thanks of the Rector are tendered to Rev. G. W. Sill, now of Holly Springs, Miss. and to the Rev. John Sellwood for such visits, and to Mr. Ebenezer Moore for his kind services as lay-reader.

The missionary collections of the parish amount to $38 71—of which $7 were appropriated to the Diocese of Illinois—$18 to domestic missions in general—and $13 71 to foreign missions.

OTTAWA—CHRIST—Rev. C. V. Kelley.

The statistics of this station, consisting of Christ Church, Ottawa, St. Andrew's, Farm Ridge, and St. Paul's, Peru, are as follows: Number of communicants, Ottawa, 23; removed, 7; communicants, Farm Ridge, 9; do. Peru, 7; baptisms, infants, 6, adults, 1; funerals, 7; marriages. 1. There is a church in course of erection in Ottawa, the funds for such being collected by the missionary from friends in Chicago and some of the cities of the east, together with local contributions, and one from the Bishop. The edifice will be finished by September and ready for consecration.

CHICAGO—ST. JAMES'—Rev. E. B. Kellogg.

Baptisms, 39; confirmations, 5; marriages. 12; funerals, 10; communicants added since the last report, 15—principally by removals into the parish; lost, by removals to Trinity church and elsewhere, 14; present number, 111. Average number of Sunday School teachers, 18; do. of scholars, 112. Contributions to our Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society during the past year, $101 76.

In addition to the regular services on Sunday, a bible class has been held on Wednesday evenings during the past winter, and attended with an encouraging interest. For a few weeks, the congregation of St. James was perceptibly diminished by the re-opening of Trinity church, under the Rev. Mr. Barlow; but we have now regained our usual number of attendants. Indeed, nothing seems wanting to the entire prosperity of this church but the daily addition to it of "such as shall be saved."

GALENA—GRACE—Rev. A. Louderback.

Baptisms, infants, 22, adults, 2; funerals. 13; marriages, 3; families 52; communicants added since the present rector to charge, 25; removed, 7; died, 2; present

number, 68. Sunday School teachers, 8; scholars, 50. Children catechized publicly on the 1st Sunday of every month, after the 2d lesson in church.

This report embraces a period of 15 months and a half, or from March 1, 1847, when the present rector assumed the charge of the parish. It is yet quite feeble, owing to its being deprived of missionary aid, before being able to take due care of itself, and before sufficient church accommodation was provided to meet the wants of the parish—the present resources of the congregation being inadequate to the support of the rector, by at least $250 per annum.

A new stone Gothic church building, from a plan purchased of Mr. Otis, of Buffalo, is in progress. The dimensions in the exterior are 82 by 42 feet, including a recess for a chancel and a heavy tower in front.

ALTON—ST. PAUL'S—Rev. S. Y. McMasters.

The church of St. Paul's, Alton, has been regularly opened twice on each Lord's day since last convention. The rector has, in that time, administered the holy communion 12 times—10 infants have been babtized, and 2 adults; 5 have received the rite of confirmation; there have been 2 marriages, and 14 funerals; 2 communicants have been removed by death, and the present number is 40—increase within the year, 15. The Sunday School is doing well. The church has now freed itself from debt, and has been consecrated to the service of Almighty God by the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese.

CHESTER AND ITINERANCY—Rev. W. Mitchell.

Though only one-fourth of my time has been given to St Mark's parish, Chester, the growth of the church has been steady, and promises well for the future. June the 10th, at 5 o'clock p. m., our venerable father in God, the Rt. Rev. Philander Chase, D. D., laid the corner stone and delivered an excellent address. On the next day (Whit-Sunday) eleven were confirmed, and most of them added to the communion of the church in Chester. We have reason to hope that much good will result from the Bishop's visit, and the impressive services of the day.

The past year I have travelled 1630 miles, baptized 17 infants and 5 adults, said prayers and preached 72 times, and administered the holy communion 8 times.—Communicants removed, 6; added by letter, 1, and by confirmation, 11; dismissed by letter, 1, (since confirmed;) present number in St. Mark's church, Chester, 29; marriages, 3; burials, 3.

Zion parish has been occasionally supplied, and remains nearly the same as in last report. I found some scattered Episcopal families, baptized their children and administered the holy communion to them.

KICKAPOO AND VICINITY—Rev. Richard Radley.

Baptisms—infants 16, adults 7—total 23; confirmations 16; marriages 3; funerals 8; communicants, removed 4, added 23, present number 36; Sunday scholars 38, teachers 4. A new Sunday School library containing near 200 volumes, besides books of instruction, has been obtained through the kindness of Rev. Dudley Chase. At Lower Kickapoo, the Gothic church, which my last report stated to be under contract for completion, has been finished in a neat and substantial manner, the congregation steadilp increasing in numbers, attachment to the distinctive features of the church, and I trust, in true piety also.

At Upper Kickapoo, the services continue to be well attended, several members have been added to the communion, and it is believed that many more are seriously impressed with the beauty and importance of the liturgy of the church, and the necessity of that religion which it so happily inculcates, and which it so fully and admirably explains and promotes. For the last eight months one fourth of my time has been given to Christ church parish Erindale, in the of county of Bureau. In this parish there are two congregations, one of which at a place called Providence, (nine miles from Erindale,) has by arrangement one half of that fourth of the time. While officiating here, I am in the constant practice of performing a third service at one or other of these places. Although there have existed many things to retard the growth of the church in this place, yet I am thankful to say that the present prospects are most flattering; the parish is already in possession of forty acres of excellent land, sufficient means have been collected and preparations are now actually making for the erection of a brick building, (20 by 40 feet,) this summer.

* The number of communicants attached to this parish is 36. I have baptized two adults and six infants; at the visitation of our venerable and beloved Bishop, presented a class of thirteen persons for the Apostolic rite of confirmation. Since the meeting of the last convention I have officiated twice at Springfield, once at Tremont, twice at Rushville, five times at Wyoming, once at Princeton and twice at Beardstown, preached 128 times and travelled 2182 miles in the performance of missionary duty.

My labors were equally divided between Upper and Lower Kickapoo, until October last, at which time, at the invitation of the congregation, and with the approbation of my Bishop, I commenced my regular visits to the destitute parish of Erindale. These services I have been enabled to render without loss to my other parish, through the kindness of the Rev. Joseph Mayo, who very cordially consented to officiate for me at Lower Kickapoo. and for which I am greatly indebted. At Upper Kickapoo, (with the exception of two Sundays,) the services have been regularly kept up by lay-reading, a dear young man, (a candidate for holy orders,) from Jubilee College, cheerfully performed this duty.

REV. H. SAFFORD—Missionary.

Since my ordination I have held divine service and preached, at the request of my Bishop, respectively in Peoria, Tremont, Jubilee chapel, Farmington, Brimfield, Providence, Erindale, Rock Island, and Pre-emption.

For the last four months I have been engaged in Rock Island and Pre-emption. In the two places I have baptized ten infants and attended one funeral.

At Pre-emption is a promising congregation of Irish Protestants, who seem warmly attached to our church. They are an indigent, yet worthy people, and several of them, as I hope, are members of Christ's precious flock. As such they need the fostering care of the church. May it not be denied them.

At Rock Island communicants number six. There are two candidates who have expressed a wish for confirmation. We have not as yet an organized parish, nor can we have—there being only a single male communicant.

Our prospects I have regarded as flattering; I do not so regard them now. A few weeks ago a subscription was raised towards erecting an Episcopal church. $965 were pledged, together with a beautiful lot, but upon this condition—that a house should be erected costing not less than $2000. This sum we cannot raise at home and probably not by appeal for aid from abroad, consequently our subscription becomes null and void.

I have conversed with several of the principal subscribers with reference to putting up a house, such as we could build within ourselves. From what I can gather we shall not be able to accomplish even this. Most have subscribed because an Episcopal church would be an ornament to the town, and have some influence upon its growth—not from a sincere love of the church.

MENDON—ZION—Rev. John Sellwood.

In relation to the parish under my charge, I lament to say that nothing encouraging can be reported at the present time. I have been called to labor in faith and patience. The ground here is so pre-occupied by other denominations, that unless persons from a distance come into the neighborhood to reside who are attached to our church, the prospects of an increase cannot be great for a considerable time to come. Communicants added by removal 1, lost by removal 2, present number 14; baptized one infant, (I also baptized an infant on my way to this convention,) and buried one adult.

During the absence of Mr. Giddinge from his parish, I officiated in it at his request two Sundays. I have also spent one Sunday in Columbus.

GRAND DE TOUR—ST. PETER'S—Rev. A. J. Warner.

Since my last report I have remained within the limits of my station, excepting three weeks' absence at Jubilee, at which time I received priest's orders. I have, during that time, preached 72 sermons, including evening lectures; as many times performed the usual services of our church, the burial service twice, administered the communion twice, baptized 2 infants, married 1 couple, and travelled on duty within my station 540 miles.

* Not included in the statistics at the head of this report.

Could we have had an Episcopal visitation this spring, there would have been an increase to our communion in Grand de Tour of 5 or 6, in Stirling of several, in Dixon of 1, and perhaps more, besides 4 added to the latter place by removal.—Weekly meetings are held by the newly organized parish in Stirling, conducted for the most part by lay reading, though my plan is to visit and preach to them once in two weeks. Once in two weeks I preach at Dixon, and at Grand de Tour twice on the intervening Sunday.

JACKSONVILLE—TRINITY—Rev. J. T. Worthington.

The Rector of Trinity church, Jacksonville, and of Christ church, Waverly, reports that he and his parishioners have much reason to thank God for the happy influences of his Holy Spirit among them during the past year. Each parish is revived, and looks forward with hope.

Since the last convention, he has attended three funerals—one adult and two infants—of which two were in Jacksonville parish. He has baptized in Waverly one infant, in Jacksonville eight infants and six adults, and one infant elsewhere —making in all sixteen. The number of communicants now in Jacksonville is thirty-four—in Waverly will after confirmation be fourteen, (is now eight.) The Sunday School in Jacksonville has now six teachers and twenty-one scholars.—That at Waverly has three teachers and thirteen scholars. Each has at present a good library, and a sufficiency of bibles, testaments and prayer books received as presents from kind friends in Philadelphia, New York and New Haven. Added to the communion in Jacksonville by immigration four, lost by emigration one, by death one, by leaving one, otherwise one—whole number added is fourteen.

RUSHVILLE AND BEARDSTOWN—Rev. R. J. Walker.

The statistics of this station for the past year are as follows: baptisms—infants 10; marriages solemnized 7; funerals attended 7; sermons preached 118; miles travelled 1326. The holy communion has been administered 10 times. Present number of communicants 26.

Since the last convention seven families, comprising 33 individuals and 9 communicants have moved from within the bounds of this station, and individuals desirous of being confirmed have also gone to reside in distant places. The missionary feels much discouraged by reason of these removals, which effectually prevent him from building up large congregations.

PITTSFIELD—ST. STEPHEN'S.

In accordance with the canon adopted by the Convention of the Diocese of Illinois, the wardens of said parish would report to the Diocesan convention to be held at Jacksonville the number of communicants in said parish to be twelve regular, and two occasional; and the number of baptisms since the 8th of June, 1847, to be six—all of whom were infants; and that since said date occasional services have been held in said parish by the Rev. J. T. Worthington and Robert J. Walker; and that two marriages have been solemnized by the Rev. R. J. Walker between members of the said parish; and that recently the congregation have assembled on every Sunday for morning prayer and service in a public school house under charge of a lay-reader, when an appropriate sermon has been read. On Good Friday evening prayer was offered and a sermon read by the lay-reader.

All of which is submitted.

B. H. Atkinson, *Sen. Warden.*
Benjamin Allis, *Jun. Warden.*

ABSTRACT OF PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Location.	Name of Church.	Baptisms	Confirmations.	Communicants.	Remarks.
Aurora,	St. John's.				Not admitt'd into union with Con.
Alton,	St. Paul's,	12	5	40	
Albion,	St. John's,	3		20	
Batavia,	St. Paul's,			39	Report of 1845.
Beardstown,	St. Andrew's,				Included in Christ ch. Rushville.
Carrolton,	Trinity,				Not admitt'd into union with Con.
Chester,	St. Mark's,	22	11	29	
Chicago,	St. James,	39	5	111	
"	Trinity,	3		61	
Collinsville,	Christ,	6	8	27	
Cornishville,	St. John's,				Not admitt'd into union with Con.
Dixon,	St. Luke's,			6	Report of 1847.
Edwardsville,	St. Andrew's,			6	
Erindale,	Christ,	8	13	36	
Farmington,	Calvary,			14	
Galena,	Grace,	24		68	
Geneva,	St. Paul's,				
Grand de Tour,	St. Peter's,	2			
Jacksonville,	Trinity,	14	16	34	
Joliet,	Christ,				Included in St John's, Lockport.
Knoxville,	St. John's,			14	
Lockport,	St. John's,	6	3	31	
Little Fort,	Christ,	9		28	
Limestone Prairie	Christ,	23	16	36	Formerly Lower Kickapoo.
Mendon,	Zion,	1		14	
Metamora,	Christ,				
Ottawa,	Christ,	7		32	
Palestine Grove,	Christ,				
Peoria,	St. Paul's,	15		28	
Peru,	St. Paul's.			7	
Pittsfield,	St. Stephen's,	6		14	
Quincy,	St. John's,	11		90	
Robinsnest,	Christ,	3	5	99	Including chapels at Brimfield and [Kickapoo.
Rushville.	Christ,	10		26	
Springfield,	St. Paul's,	13		37	
Sterling,	Grace,				
Tremont,	Christ,			32	Report of 1845.
Vergennes,	Zion,				
Warsaw,	St. Paul's,	1		20	
Waverly,	St. Paul's,	1		8	

APPENDIX C.

Samuel Chase, in account with Convention of Illinois:

1847.		Cr.	Dr.
June.	To cash received from St. Paul's Church, Springfield, $10; Zion, Mendon, $4; Christ, Rushville, $4; St Stephens, Pittsfield, $2; Trinity, Jacksonville, $5; St. John's, Quincy, $10; St. James', Chicago, $10; Christ, Lower Kickapoo, $3; Christ, Robinsnest, 5. Balance of cash in Treasury, per account of 1847, $10 89.		$63 89
1847.	By bill of printer for Journal of 1847,	$62 13	
July.	" do of Canons,	10 16	
	" Quota paid Treasurer of General Convention,	23 00	
	" Cash paid for postage on Journals sent to Secretaries,	1 21	
	To balance,		32 61
		$96 50	96 50

SAMUEL CHASE, Treas'r of Convention.

Samuel Chase, in account with Diocesan Mission. Associa'n:

1847.		Cr.	Dr.
June.	To cash on pledges of 1846, viz: From Rev. J. T. Worthington, $10; from Rev. E. De Wolf, $10; from Rev. E. B. Kellogg, $10; from Ladies' Sewing Society of St. James', $10; from John Rogers, $10; from Rev. A. J. Warner, $5. - - - - - - -		$55 00
	To cash on pledges of 1847, viz: From John W. Chickering, $5; from Judge Bailhache, 5; from D. B. Tuthill, 1; from Geo. T. Wall, 1; from B. G. Roots, 1; from Rev. D. Chase, 10; from H. G. Long, 5; from B. W. Tucker, 5; from Rev. J. T. Worthington, 15; from Rev. S. Chase, 10. - - - -		58 00
	To cash through Bishop Chase, viz: F. Webster $5; S. Marsh, 5; Mr. S., N. Y., 100; Mrs. Bohler, Philadelphia, 100; St. Paul's Ch., Chilicothe, per Rev. J. B. Britton, 10 ; Mr. Birket, 20; Geo. Hogg, 10; Mrs. and Miss ——, 70; St. George's Ch., N. Y., 55; Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, N. Y., 50; Sunday Schools of the same, 20; Bishop Chase's subscription for 1847, 20.		465 00
1847.	By cash paid balance of account, - - - - -	$11 40	
	" " " Rev. G. P. Comings, 10; Rev. James Bentley, 10; Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine, 60; Rev. H. Safford, 15—10; Rev. J. T. Worthington, 15. - - -	120 00	
	By cash paid through Bishop Chase, viz: Rev. Jas. Bentley, 10; Rev. J. T. Worthington, 15; Rev. J. S. Chamberlaine, 41,67; Rev. H. Safford, 95. - - -	161 67	
1848.			
June.	By cash paid Rev. J. T. Worthington, - - -	10 00	
	" " appropriated Rev. G. P. Comings, - - -	90 00	
	" " " " J. Bentley, - - -	80 00	
	" " " " J. S. Chamberlaine, - -	30 00	
	By BALANCE, - - - - - - - - -	74 93	
		$578 00	578 00

SAMUEL CHASE,
Treas'r of Diocesan Missionary Association.

EXTRACT FROM JOURNAL OF 1846.

Resolved, That the clerical members of this convention, and such of the laity as shall contribute the sum of five dollars annually, do constitute a Diocesan Missionary Association, to extend the means of grace to destitute places in this Diocese, not aided by the Domestic Committee of the General Missionary Board.

Resolved, That the President, Secretary and Treasurer of this convention fill the same places in this association; and that the regular meetings be at the close of each annual convention.

Resolved, That it be recommended to every minister to present the peculiar claims of this association to his congregation during the ensuing year, and take up collections in furtherance of the object in view.

EXTRACT FROM JOURNAL OF 1847.

Resolved, That the friends of the Church in this Diocese, both at home and abroad, be earnestly requested to contribute of their means to enable the Bishop to carry into effect the objects of this association.

Resolved, That all, clergy and laity, become active agents in promoting the interest of the association, and send to the Bishop lists of names of all to whom he may send any publication relative to the same.

CANON IV.

Of Parochial Association.

It shall be lawful for any number of persons not less than three, friendly to the Episcopal church, and desirous of concentrating their endeavors, to associate themselves as a parish under the direction of any minister canonically resident in this Diocese; *Provided, however*, that such parish shall embrace at least six communicants to entitle it to a representative in the convention. The following shall be the form of such association:

"We, whose names are hereunto affixed, deeply sensible of the truth of the Christian religion, and earnestly desirous of promoting its holy influences in our own hearts, and in those of our families and neighbors, do hereby associate ourselves under the name of Parish, in communion with the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America and Diocese of Illinois, the authority of whose constitution and canons we do hereby recognize, and to whose liturgy and mode of worship we promise conformity."

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of each parish organized according to the above form, to report the fact of such organization within one month to the secretary of the convention, duly certified by the minister under whose direction the parish was or-

ganized, and the secretary shall make an attested record of the same.

CANON V.

Of the admission of a Church into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese.

Sec. 1. To entitle a church, hereafter, to admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese, it shall be required that the vestry submit to the convention, or to a committee appointed by its authority, the certificate of organization, signed by one of the wardens, or the clerk of the vestry.

Sec. 2. Every organized church, applying for admission into union with the convention of this Diocese, shall also produce to the convention a certificate of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, or of a vacancy in the Episcopate, of the major part of the standing committee, that he or they approve of the organization of such church.

CANON XV.

It shall be the duty of every parish to contribute and forward to each annual convention, a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each communicant in the same, to defray the contingent expenses of the Diocese.

Form of Parochial Report,

As prepared by the Secretary, under instruction from the Convention.

Location of Parish—Name of Parish—Name of Clergyman.

Baptisms— Infants— Adults— Total, ——

Confirmed— ——

Communicants Added, { By removal— / Otherwise— } Lost { By removal— / By death— } Present No. ——

Number of Families— ——

Number in attendance upon ordinary occasions— ——

Offerings— $——

Contributors to the Fund of Convention— $——

Remarks—